



RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING
September 9, 2014, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Windsor Town Council Chambers
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Windsor, CA 95492

A G E N D A

1. Greetings and Introductions

2. Update on July 25, 2013 RRWA Board Meeting

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- North Coast Resources Partnership (NCRP) update
 - Latest from North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) staff
- Water Bond Coalition update
- Stormwater program update
 - 2014 CASQA Conference – RRWA to present on Sept 17
 - CoPermittee update
 - Stormwater Activities Table sent out in August
 - Review training options
- September Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
 - Events
 - Proclamation sent to member agencies
 - Additional support?
- Safe Medicine Disposal Program update
- Drought Update
 - Urban Water Management Plans

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- Discussion of potential future advocacy items

5. Future Meetings and Agenda Items

- TWG meeting schedule

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 - November 18
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- Board of Directors meeting schedule:
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 - December 11, 2014 – Guest Speaker: North Coast RWQCB Executive Officer Matt St. John – dialogue with RRWA Board
- 6. Items of Interest/Networking re Successes**
- City of Ukiah update on NCRP projects
- 7. Public Comment**
- 8. Adjourn**

**CASQA PRESENTATION PREVIEW FOLLOWS THIS MEETING
AT NCRWQCB OFFICE ~ 11:15 – 12:00**

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SUMMARY

(Prepared by RRWA staff)

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Attendees:

Andy Rodgers – RRWA
Daria Isupov – RRWA
Lisa Steinman – SCWMA
Rocky Vogler – City of Santa Rosa
Forest Frasier – City of Santa Rosa
Teresa Gudino – City of Santa Rosa
Jenifer Piccinini – City of Santa Rosa

Cristina Goulart – City of Sebastopol
Rick Seanor – City of Ukiah
Jarod Thiele – City of Ukiah
Eydie Tacata – City of Rohnert Park
Jim Smith – Town of Windsor
Colleen Hunt - NCRWQCB

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 - iv. Daria Isupov (RRWA) explained that there is a need for author volunteers for 2015 and listed topic ideas.
 - 1. Lisa Steinman (SCWMA) volunteered to partner with the County of Mendocino to write column about the water quality impacts caused by illegal marijuana growing operations.
 - 2. Colleen Hunt (NCRWQB) suggests a column on bacteria as a water quality concern. This would make a timely topic as the bacteria TMDL is being developed for the entire watershed. Andy Rodgers (RRWA) volunteered to partner with Colleen Hunt to write the column.
 - 3. Rocky Vogler (Santa Rosa) suggested an additional column on the ongoing drought and current reservoir levels.
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- i. Daria Isupov announced that the DWR has introduced the 2014 Water-Energy Grant Program. Eligible projects include residential, commercial, or institutional water efficiency programs or projects that reduce GHG emissions and also reduce water and energy use. Projects or programs proposed in any segment of the municipal "water use cycle" will be considered. \$2.5 million awards are available per proposal for a max of \$19 million total. Final guidelines and proposal solicitation packages will be available in October and RRWA staff will follow the updates on behalf of the IWG.
- Water Bond Coalition update
 - Daria Isupov provided the update. Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation on Aug 13 to put a \$7.5 billion water bond on the November 2014 ballot. The bond is AB 1471 and it replaces the current \$11.1 billion water bond. The bond will appear as "Proposition 1 -Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014" on the November ballot.
- Stormwater program update
 - 2014 CASQA Conference – RRWA to present on Sept 17
 - i. Andy Rodgers and Colleen Hunt will give a presentation entitled "Watershed-wide Permit Alignment: the Challenges and Successes of Regional Collaboration and Multiple Agency Program Integration" at the upcoming annual CASQA conference. IWG members were invited to attend a run-through of the presentation at the NCRWQB hearing room following the conclusion of this meeting.
 - CoPermittee update
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 - i. TWG members expressed the LID and Hydromodification training is a priority. Staff would specifically like to see training for the online tools such as Santa Rosa's online stormwater calculator and determination worksheets.
- September Creek Week/Pollution Prevention Week
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 - Teresa Gudino (Santa Rosa) provided a summary of Santa Rosa's recent DIY event. Over 800 residents participated in the event and received information and supplies related to grey water system installation and irrigation timing.
 - Rick Seanor (Ukiah) announced the Ukiah has adopted the State's conservation order to cut water use by 20%. 8,000 Ukiah residents received outreach materials related to conservation. Additionally, Ukiah has added an entire water conservation section to the city's website.

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